

PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK—OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, the week of October 6-12, 2024 is Fire Prevention Week, and this year’s campaign, “*Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!*”, strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home and test smoke alarms at least once a month; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Fire Prevention Department performs annual fire inspections of every commercial and public building in the Village; including every public and private school.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week in Oak Park, and urge all residents to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the public safety activities and efforts of the Village of Oak Park’s fire and emergency services.

DATED this 8th day of October, 2024.

Vicki Scaman
Village President

ATTEST:

Christina M. Waters
Village Clerk